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In re Application of:

Michael S.H. Chu et al.

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Applicants hereby submit and request consideration of the Amendment filed herewith.

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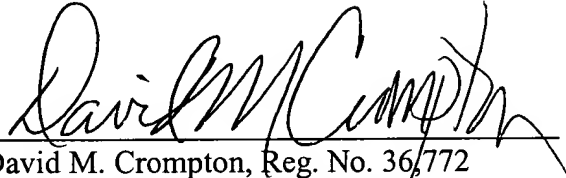
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